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OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. UNDER A PREVIOUS ORDER OF THE  
HOUSE THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK (MR. WOLFF) IS RECOGNIZED  
FOR 15 MINUTES.

(MR. WOLFF ASKED AND WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO REVISE AND  
EXTEND HIS REMARKS.)

MR. GILMAN. MR. SPEAKER, WILL THE GENTLEMAN YIELD?

MR. WOLFF. I YIELD TO THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK  
(MR. GILMAN).

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(MR. GILMAN ASKED AND WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO REVISE AND

EXTEND HIS REMARKS.)

MR. GILMAN. MR. SPEAKER, I THANK THE GENTLEMAN FOR YIELDING.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE GENTLEMEN FROM NEW YORK, MR. RANGEL AND MR. WOLFF FOR UNDERTAKING THEIR RECENT MISSION TO TURKEY, APPEALING TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM BREAKING THE BAN ON GROWING OPIUM IN THEIR COUNTRY.

I HAD OCCASION TO VISIT TURKEY LAST YEAR AND TO DISCUSS THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS AND WITH OUR OWN DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

AT THAT TIME I FOUND THAT OUR GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AND EXPENDITURES HAD HELPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN DRYING UP OPIUM TRADE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD--AND THAT THESE EFFORTS HAVE HAD AN IMPACT UPON HEROIN TRAFFIC IN OUR NATION.

WE HAVE EXPENDED OVER \$35 MILLION DOLLARS IN INDUCING TURKEY TO SUBSIDIZE ITS POPPY GROWING OPERATIONS. THIS WAS MONEY WELL SPENT. MY OWN RECENT VISITS TO DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS IN MY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT INVOLVED IN COMPLEX REHABILITATING PROGRAMS SUBSTANTIATE THE NEED FOR AN ALL OUT EFFORT TO STOP THE CRUEL MONSTER OF DRUG ADDICTION AT ITS SOURCE, THE POPPY.

WHILE THE SUCCESS OF MY COLLEAGUE'S VISIT TO TURKEY WAS A PARTIAL VICTORY IN OUR FIRM RESOLVE TO STOP THE VILLAIN AT ITS SOURCE, WE CANNOT LET OUR EFFORTS END AT THIS SMALL SUCCESS. WE MUST CONTINUE TO LAVISH OUR ATTENTION ON THE VASCILLATING SITUATION IN TURKEY.

IF THE PROBLEM LIES WITH THE PARASITIC ILLEGAL DRUG PEDDLERS DESCRIBED IN MR. WOLFF'S STATEMENT, WE NEED TO GO BEYOND OUR CURRENT EFFORTS, USING OUR GOOD RESOURCES OF MEN AND MONEY, BY SENDING SOME OF OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS OUT INTO THE TURKISH FIELDS WHERE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TRAIN AND ADVISE TURKISH FARMERS IN PRODUCING OTHER CROPS

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--CASH CROPS THAT WILL ASSURE THE FARMER'S LIVELIHOOD WHILE NOT HARMING OUR YOUTH HERE AT HOME.

THE PROBLEM MANDATES ACTION. WE CANNOT FOR A MINUTE REST OUR HEADS OR TURN OUR BACKS TO THIS CREEPING PLAGUE. WE MUST DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO ASSURE OUR COMING GENERATIONS THAT NARCOTIC ADDICTION IS AN UNPLEASANT BUT DISTANT MEMORY.

MR. WOLFF. MR. SPEAKER, I THANK THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK (MR. GILMAN) FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION AND HIS WORK IN THIS AREA.

IN CONTINUING THE DIALOG THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN MY

COLLEAGUE, THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK (MR. RANGEL), AND ME, WE CANNOT SUCCEED IN THIS NATION IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION AND RELATED CRIME IN THIS COUNTRY BY EMPLOYING ANY HALF MEASURES. THEY WILL NOT WORK.

PERHAPS LIKE THE ENERGY CRISIS THERE IS A CONTRIVED SHORTAGE OF OPIUM BEING FOISTED ON THE WORLD BY SOME PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS. HOWEVER, IF TURKEY AT SOME FUTURE TIME DOES GO BACK TO OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION, EVEN ON A LIMITED BASIS, IT WILL OPEN UP A PANDORA'S BOX. EVERYONE CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS AND CRIME KNOWS THAT WE DO NOT GROW THE OPIUM POPPY IN THIS COUNTRY.

ONE WAY TO STOP THE HEROIN ABUSE IS TO STOP THE HEROIN AT ITS SOURCE, THE OPIUM POPPY. THIS IS WHY THE DECISION BY TURKEY IS SO IMPORTANT.

THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK (MR. RANGEL) AND I ARRIVED AT A TIME OF ELEVATED TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY, CREATED BY WIDESPREAD REPORTS THAT THE BAN ON OPIUM PRODUCTION WAS TO BE LIFTED. OUR VISIT WAS HERALDED BY STATEMENTS IN THE TURKISH PRESS WITH STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO US, OF A POSSIBLE CUTOFF OF U.S. AID. THIS IMPRESSION WAS THE RESULT OF AN ANSWER TO A REPORTER WHO ASKED US AT THE AIRPORT ON OUR ARRIVAL WHAT REMEDIES WERE AVAILABLE IF TURKEY DID BREAK THE BAN.

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WE REPLIED THAT THERE WAS EXISTING LEGISLATION ON THE BOOKS SPONSORED BY THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW JERSEY (MR. RODINO) AND THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK (MR. RANGEL) AND ME TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT TO CUT OFF ALL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ANY NATION WHICH DOES NOT FULLY COOPERATE IN OUR EFFORTS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL NARCOTIC TRAFFIC. THIS PROVISION WAS ALSO INCLUDED AT MY INSTIGATION IN THE NEW UNITED STATES TRADE BILL, SO NOW WE HAVE AN EVEN GREATER WEAPON WITH WHICH TO FIGHT THIS DRUG WAR.

THAT IT IS NOT NOW NECESSARY TO INVOKE THESE PROVISIONS IS CERTAINLY WELCOME AND CLEARLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT TURKEY HAS LONG BEEN A FRIEND AND ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES AND IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH NAT

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